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WAKE-UP CALL ON WEARING SEAT BELTS IN REAR SEATS

Although rear passengers must mandatorily wear seat belts as per the rule book, most people callously avoid doing so

MISTRY HADN'T STRAPPED HIMSELF, SAY POLICE

The Mercedes-Benz GLC on which Cyrus Mistry was travelling had seven airbags, including curtain airbags on the sides, but none for the rear seats. Mistry and Jahangir on the rear seats weren't strapped, the police said. The impact threw them forward at great velocity, leading to fatal head injuries. Had they put on the seat belts, they could have possibly survived

CAR COVERED ITS LAST 20 KM IN JUST 9 MINS

- Police said the over speeding car covered its last 20 km in just nine minutes after crossing the Charoti check post in Palghar
- Urging people to wear seat belts, Mahindra Group Chairman Anand Mahindra tweeted, "I resolve to always wear my seat belt even when in the rear seat. I urge all of you to take that pledge"

133 km/hr

ESTIMATED AVG SPEED OF THE CAR IN THE LAST 9 MINUTES BEFORE CRASH

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WHAT NEXT
BoJo makes last address outside Downing Street around 8 am local time today, leaves for Balmoral in Scotland to meet the Queen
SHORTLY THEREAFTER, TRUSS FLIES TO BALMORAL
Queen appoints Truss as prime minister, making her the first to be given charge outside London, as the 96-year-old monarch is unable to travel
Truss flies back to London, appears outside 10 Downing by afternoon; gets busy with govt formation

SUNDAY HORROR MAROONS B'LURU

Techies to work from home; Schools to hold online classes

MOHAMMED YACOOB @ Bengaluru

STATE capital Bengaluru witnessed unprecedented flooding in some areas, which many referred to as 'Sunday horror'. The flooding in areas between east and south-east Bengaluru stranded people, locked them in traffic gridlocks, flooded houses and localities and many had to suffer vehicle breakdowns or getting marooned at home. The excruciating miseries which began on Sunday night, extended till Monday morning, forcing many tech companies to ask their employees to return to the work-from-home mode.

According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the city recorded 131.6mm rainfall in the city centre, while, as per the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Management Centre (KSNDMC), the areas which got flooded in south and south-east Bengaluru received not more than 65.5 mm rainfall. And yet, over 25 locations in these areas experienced severe inundation, forcing traffic to a grinding halt on Sunday night and Monday morning as cars and autos got submerged under roof-high water, while several two-wheeler riders were subjected to the painful experience of pushing their vehicles in waist-deep water, not knowing whether their next step would be in an open manhole.

Snail-paced traffic movement was reported on most parts of the Outer Ring Road, especially in areas leading to Sarjapur, Bellandur, Whitefield, Marathahalli, Yemlur, Borewell Road and surrounding areas. P2

Vehicles wade through the flooded Outer Ring Road near RMZ Ecospace in Bengaluru on Monday as the city recorded highest rainfall of over 131 mm in September. The IMD has issued a heavy rainfall alert till Friday | VINOD KUMAR T

131.6 MM Nelamangala, Bengaluru

120 MM HAL Airport

110 MM KIA

90 MM Hoskote

Flood casts its shadow on GIM '22

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

THE heavy rain and flooding in Bengaluru for the past few weeks has cast its shadow on the state government's ambitious three-day Global Investors Meet scheduled to be held from November 2, 2022. This couldn't have happened at a worse time for the Basavaraj Bommai-led BJP government in an election year. It is happening at a time when Industry Minister Murugesh Nirani is conducting roadshows in the US, ahead of the GIM.

With Assembly polls round the corner, there are reports of reluctance from investors due to poor infrastructure. Even government officials are now sceptical of attracting a good number of investors as the infrastructure woes are making headlines globally. The GIM-2022 is being held after a gap of six years. The then Congress government had hosted GIM in 2016, and got 1,201 projects approved and Memorandums of Understanding worth Rs 3.08 lakh crore signed. P4

Good for India as Truss wins race to be next UK PM

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

UK foreign secretary Liz Truss (47) on Monday formally won the Conservative Party leadership contest, earning the right to become the nation's third woman prime minister. The only element of surprise was the margin by which she defeated her Indian-origin rival Rishi Sunak — 20,927 votes — which was closer than thought.

"I am honoured to be elected leader of the Conservative Party. Thank you for putting your trust in me to lead and deliver for our great country. I will take bold action to get all of us through these tough times, grow our economy and unleash the UK's potential," Truss said after the poll results were announced. The Queen will formally appoint her PM on Tuesday.

Back home in India, she is being viewed as a British politician known for championing stronger India-UK trade and strategic ties. "I see the UK and India in a sweet spot of trade dynamics," said Truss in May last year when the India-UK Enhanced Trade Partnership was signed. This led to the initiation of the India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA).

"Liz Truss will be good for India. As trade secretary she has been involved with India and has been at the centre of trade partnerships, which will culminate into the finalisation of the FTA. Besides, as trade secretary she has come to India thrice in the past two years," said sources.

As trade secretary, Truss got to know commerce minister Piyush Goyal and External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar. This will help in furthering trade and diplomatic ties between India and the UK.

"She was instrumental in setting the Diwali deadline for the FTA and we are optimistic that the subsequent rounds would be on track. Five rounds are already over," sources added.

Commerce Secretary B V R Subrahmanyam recently said that 19 out of the 26 chapters of the FTA talks are closed and negotiations are underway in a few areas. The Diwali deadline is not going to be missed.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in his greetings, said: "Congratulations Liz Truss for being chosen to be the next PM of the UK. Confident that under your leadership, the India-UK Comprehensive Strategic Partnership will be further strengthened." P12

LINGAYAT SEER OF NEGINHAL MUTT COMMITS SUICIDE

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Belagavi

A prominent Lingayat seer, **Basava Siddalinga Swamiji** from Madiwaleshwar Mutt at Neginhal near Belagavi, died reportedly by suicide, leaving a note behind on Monday. Sources said he was upset over a recent viral audio clip in which two women had accused several Lingayat seers, including him, of harassing women in the mutts.

The incident comes in the backdrop of a POCSO case registered against Murugha Mutt pontiff Dr Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru and his subsequent arrest by the police.

Basava Siddalinga Swami reportedly hanged himself on Monday, hours after he confided to the devotees of the mutt at a meeting late on Sunday that he was extremely upset with the developments (release of audio) and that he was dejected. In the death note recovered from the spot where his body was found, he said he had not committed any mistake and that he himself was responsible for his own death. He requested the police not to take anyone in custody while probing the reason behind his death.

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MURUGHA MUTT PONTIFF SENT TO JUDICIAL CUSTODY TILL SEPT 14

Murugha Mutt seer Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru, who is an accused in a Pocso case, was on Monday sent to judicial custody till September 14 as the police did not submit a request to extend his police custody. His advocates submitted a regular bail plea, which will be heard on September 7 |P4

SC questions right to carry hijab to schools

SHRUTI KAKKAR @ New Delhi

A person has a right to practise religion but the question is whether it can be taken to a school which has a prescribed uniform, the Supreme Court observed on Monday while hearing the Karnataka Hijab ban row.

Hearing arguments on a batch of pleas challenging the Karnataka High Court verdict refusing to lift the ban on hijab in educational institutions of the state, the apex court asked whether a student can wear hijab to a school where uniform has been prescribed.

"You may have a religious right to practise whatever you want to practise. But can you practise and take that right to a school which has uniform as a part of dress you have to wear? That will be the question," said a bench of Justices Hemant Gupta and Sudhanshu Dhulia. The apex court posed the question to senior advocate Sanjay Hegde, who was arguing for some of the petitioners. CONTINUED ON: P9

Baby jumbo a new plaything for tribal kids

The calf was found playing and being fed by children and adults | EXPRESS

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

IN the backdrop of increasing man-animal conflicts in recent times, here's a heartwarming story of a six-month-old male elephant calf befriending tribal schoolchildren and teachers at Puranipodu village in Chamarajanagar near B R Hills.

According to forest department officials, the calf might have got separated from its mother and strayed into human habitation. They say a wild animal becoming friends with human beings and seeking care and attention is not a usual sight either.

"We got to know of the incident on Sunday. The calf was found wandering in the school area in Yelandur taluk in the village, which is a tribal enclosure. It was found playing and being fed by children and adults," said in-charge Deputy Conservator of Forests, B R Hills, Santhosh Kumar.

The calf was being fed bananas and other food items. "Although elephant calves are very joyful and delightful, such close proximity is rare," said a forest official from Chamarajanagar. The calf has been taken by foresters who are trying to reunite it with its mother.

CM calls off meeting

The much-awaited meeting of the State Wildlife Board on September 5 after a gap of 1.5 years was called off by the CM. Issues like declaring Hessarghatta as grassland, reassessment of MM Hills, among others were on the agenda.

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